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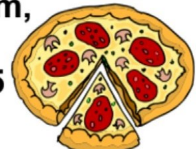


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PLIA Volunteer Recognition Cookout

Submitted by Pamela Kelly

The Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association's (PLIA) volunteers are the backbone of the organization. They are Weed Watchers, Lake Hosts, water samplers, roadside trash pickers, event planners, committee members, and all-around supporters of the work the PLIA does. Their contributions were recently recognized at a cookout organized by the Board of Directors and held at the Pawtuckaway State Park to thank them for their tireless efforts.

This summer has been especially challenging because of Pawtuckaway's recent Variable Milfoil infestation. It has resulted in efforts to persuade boaters to avoid activity in the infested areas, the posting of signs warning visitors about sensitive sections of the lake, and a campaign to alert residents to scout shorelines for floating or newly rooted weeds. Lake Host boat inspections have been stepped up at the State Park, their staff have been educated about the problem, and flyers and bulletins have been provided for staff to hand out to campers.

None of these efforts would have been possible without the countless hours devoted by PLIA volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to all who contribute to this important work and who help keep Pawtuckaway the little piece of paradise that it is!



If you are interested in making a contribution to the PLIA, you can donate your time - as much or as little as you like - by joining our volunteers. Please contact PLIA Lake Host Coordinator Dee Decker at deedecker.plia@gmail.com, 603-498-3830; or Weed Watcher Co-Chair Steve Soreff at soreffs15@aol.com, 603-895-6120. Thank you!

IMPORTANT NOTICE: PLEASE BE ADVISED ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, CAST YOUR VOTE AT THE NOTTINGHAM SCHOOL

The Presidential/General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at the gymnasium of the Nottingham School. This is a **ONE-TIME CHANGE IN LOCATION** of the polls. Voter turnout is expected to exceed the capacity of the town hall to safely accommodate our voters.

Nottingham polling hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Polling hours are set by Town Meeting and can vary from town to town.

In New Hampshire we have same-day voter registration. The Supervisors of the Checklist will be registering voters on election day. So you may both register to vote and vote on the 8th. A photo ID will speed up your process, but if you do not have one you may register by affidavit. You may also vote by affidavit if you do not have a photo ID.

Note: There will be no school on November 8 as the election will be held at the school.

Bonnie Winona MacKinnon
Nottingham Town Moderator

News from the School Board

The School Board held a community forum at our October 5 meeting. We appreciate the feedback we received from the community members that attended. Topics of discussion included full-day kindergarten, a foreign language program, improvements to the playground and communication with the community. The Board will host another community forum on November 2 at 6 p.m. in the Nottingham School cafeteria.

Fall has been an exciting time at Nottingham School with two open houses that were well attended. We look forward to a productive and fun year. The Board did a walk-through of the entire school in September. We looked at classrooms, labs, grounds, cafeteria, gym, locker rooms, the stage area and storage space in order to be informed for our budget discussions and ensure we have all the information needed for the capital improvement plan.

The Board attended Nottingham Day. Mr. Chauvette, Curriculum Director, put together a presentation for the event that included curriculum pamphlets for each grade and copies of the books for the new reading program. We enjoyed meeting families that stopped by to talk and look at the materials. We thank Dover High School and Coe-Brown Northwood Academy for having booths and providing information to our community about their programs.

We would also like to thank the Nottingham PTA for all their hard work on behalf of Nottingham students. Most recently they have provided funds for an additional Chrome Book Cart for the school. PTA initiatives provide a direct benefit to students and taxpayers.

The Board Communication Committee recently released the latest edition of the School Board Newsletter, which is packed with information about education in Nottingham and is available at the school,

the SAU, Blaisdell Memorial Library, Liar's, Demmons and via email.

The Board is committed to providing an excellent education for Nottingham students, we are working hard to provide many opportunities for community input. Please join us at an upcoming meeting. The Board will be working on a budget for the 2017-2018 school year and would like to hear your opinions about what is needed in our district. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- November 2, 2016 at 6 p.m. Community Forum at Nottingham School Cafeteria followed by Regular Nottingham School Board Meeting
- November 16, 2016 at 6 p.m. Joint School Board Meeting with Coe-Brown Northwood Academy at CBNA Library
- November 16, 2016 at 7 p.m. Regular Nottingham School Board Meeting at CBNA Room 211 B
- November 28, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. Joint School Board Meeting at SAU office
- December 7, 2016 Regular Nottingham School Board Meeting at Nottingham School Library
- December 21, 2016 Regular Nottingham School Board Meeting at Nottingham School Library

Please email us with ideas, questions or concerns at: schoolboard@nottingham.k12.nh.us.

Nottingham Kindergarten Registration Night

Submitted by Michele Zeblisky, Administrative Assistant

Nottingham School will be having its annual Kindergarten Registration Night on Thursday, January 26, 2017, from 6-7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year, please contact Michele Zeblisky at 679-5632, ext. 23, to request a registration packet. Bring this completed packet with you to registration night. We look forward to seeing all our incoming kindergarten families!



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Nottingham PTA

Submitted by Melissa Bacon, Jen Bachhuber, Heidi Maquire and Michele Phillips

Please join us at these upcoming PTA Events:

- Mother/Son Dance: Friday, November 4, 6-8 p.m.
- Nottingham PTA meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 6 p.m. at the School Library
- Children's Craft Fair: Saturday, December 3 at the Community Center (following the Town Holiday Parade)
- Nottingham PTA Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 3 p.m. at the School Library

Wish Upon a Star

It's that time of year again! We will have the Christmas Trees posted at both Post Offices in November.

The way it works is you take as many wishes as you would like off the tree, fill out the paper under the tree and leave it in the envelope.

Purchase the gift and return it with the tag information on the gift to one of the Post Offices by the date on the paper. Gifts are to be left unwrapped but you are more than welcome to provide wrapping paper with the items. Thank you!



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Nottingham Police Department

Submitted by Courtney Bacon, Administrative Assistant

The Nottingham Police Department is now on Facebook and Twitter and will be keeping those accounts up to date with information and events that will be beneficial to the community.

On Facebook, one can type in Nottingham NH police. Our active account will have a picture of the Nottingham badge and will show our address of 139 Stage Rd. The old inactive one has no picture and says Chester NH for an address.

For Twitter, we can be found by typing in Nottingham NH police.

Nottingham Food Pantry

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We are located in the Town Municipal Building. Our pantry services Nottingham residents. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 209, Nottingham. We distribute on the third Thursday of each month. New clients by appointment: 679-5209 (all calls are confidential).



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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bi-monthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident.

The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the January/February newsletter is January 3 and February 1 for the March/April issue. News articles can be submitted to nottinghamnewsletter@gmail.com.

Advertising size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for non residents. E-mail ads (jpg format) to carriegillis@comcast.net.

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Planning Board News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

During the last several months, there have been Public Hearings for applications before the Board.

The PTC Realty Limited application (Case #P16-005-SUB) to review and approve a yield plan for an open space 24-lot subdivision on 87+/- acres on Flutter Street was continued to October 26. Such continuance would allow residents who abut this parcel to continue deliberations with the owner in order to purchase it, thus preventing the proposed subdivision.

The Anderson application (Case #P16-001-SUB) for a two-lot subdivision on Gile Road went to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for relief. Such relief was granted, and the application was approved at the September 14 meeting.

Case #P16-011-SUB, an application to subdivide Map 48, Lot 1 consisting of 173 acres to enable the establishment of Lot 1-1, a 4.8 acre single family residential area, was heard at the August 24 meeting. This application was accepted as complete and after discussion on several issues, the application was approved. The property is located on Stevens Hill Road and is owned by members of the Curry family. Most of the acreage is in conservation easement; the Town of Deerfield holds the easement deed.

During the summer, the Board and the Conservation Commission have met to address Master Plan Update Action Items which have common concerns for both municipal groups. At the first October meeting, the Planning Board will be editing a model ordinance for protecting Nottingham’s Dark Skies as we “plan” for Nottingham’s predicted population growth. It is anticipated that this proposed ordinance, fashioned for Nottingham, could be ready as a warrant article for residents to approve or not approve at Town Meeting in 2017. Additionally, Board members are addressing recent state changes to the Accessory Dwelling Units

(ADU) RSA by designing a warrant article that will align our Zoning Ordinance accordingly.

The Board is anticipating the Impact Fee (review) Study from the consultant soon. The Board Members will then decide which recommendations are appropriate for Nottingham over the next several years. In addition to the fire and the school departments, this study is also reviewing the recreation department to see if anticipated accommodations would benefit from monies levied on new residential units that would depend on these municipal services.

The Planning Board is seeking Alternates. If you are interested, please contact JoAnna Arendarczyk, Land Use Clerk, at 679-9597, ext. 1, or attend an upcoming meeting. At each meeting, time is reserved for public comment and questions, outside of specific cases being heard. The Board meets the second and fourth (as needed) Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Municipal Office Complex. Meetings are televised on the local access channel and the public is always welcome to attend.

Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

On September 28, residents attended a migratory songbird program at the Blaisdell Memorial Library. The Commission, the Maine Center for Wildlife and Blaisdell Memorial Library hosted the well-attended event. A recently released documentary, “The Messenger”, contains stunning images of bird flight as well as new data illustrating the perils that migrating songbirds now face. Tall buildings, loss of habitat, lights that illuminate the sky, reflective windows, cats, noise, pesticides and traffic strikes have caused songbird populations to plummet around the world.

During the discussion afterwards, Kristen Lamb praised Nottingham residents for supporting the

preservation of open space. “The Messenger” is available at the library for residents to check out and view at home.

Since 2003, residents voted at Town Meeting to direct a portion of the Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) monies into the Town’s Conservation Fund. In 2005, residents voted to place all of the LUCT into the Conservation Fund, and again in 2010, 2011 and 2012. The Fund has supported several conservation easements for the last thirteen years providing matching funds for regional, state and federal grants. Critical habitats, watersheds and groundwater recharge areas have been protected.

The easements that complement Pawtuckaway State Park and Mulligan Forest and other large unbroken parcels provide nesting habitat for songbirds (and other species), as well as oases for migrants to and from their wintering areas. Paul Miliotis, entomologist and ornithologist, has been collecting data over the last several months; he has noted over 100 species of nesting songbirds in Nottingham, including some that are currently quite rare.

In other news, the Commission has participated in two workshop meetings to date with the Planning Board. Several action items from the Master Plan Update were initially addressed. A longer-term project is to study local protection of “lower order” rivers and streams currently not protected by state RSAs. Because these upstream water sources of the North, Little, Bean and Elliott Rivers and Mile Brook are essential to the health of these water bodies, it would be prudent for Nottingham to offer some level of protection to these as well. Commission members are in agreement that most protection is accomplished through public education and outreach.

Water well testing results from the May sampling were recently received from the State Lab. A total of 26 samples were tested for arsenic. EPA’s maximum

contaminant level (MCL) for arsenic is 10 parts per billion (ppb) or 0.010 milligrams per liter (mg/l). Four samples from Nottingham exceeded the MCL. The average result was 0.8 ppb and the highest value was 20.6 ppb. Please visit the Commission’s web page where this data, along with summarized results for uranium, radon, bacteria, sodium, chloride, manganese, and iron will be posted. If residents have questions about their individual results they can contact the Commission or the State Lab for more information.

There are several activities and volunteer opportunities with the Commission for residents, from school age through adult. The Commission also seeks alternate members to assist with our responsibilities to protect natural resources for the health and benefit of wildlife habitats, water quality, and residents of and visitors to this special area.

The Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in Conference Room #2, and schedules additional meetings as needed. The meetings are taped for broadcast on the local access channel for later in the week. Members of the public are always welcome and are encouraged to attend.

New Hope Church

Submitted by Chelli Tennis

We welcome you to come and join us at 10 a.m. for Sunday morning services at 34 Raymond Road (Route 156) in Nottingham. Other opportunities to get connected include:

- Grammies Praying for Grandchildren (Moms in Prayer International): Monday nights at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Nursing Home Ministry: For more information, call Joe at 942-5833.
- Women’s Bible Study: Wednesday nights. Call Donna at 734-4646 for more information.
- Thursday Nights Men’s Bible Study: For information, call Pastor Ted at 285-3533.
- Men’s Breakfast at the Church: On the third Saturday of the month at 8 a.m.
- Praying for our wayward children: On the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Prison Ministry: On the fourth Saturday of the month; for more information, call Pastor Ted.

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Recreation Department

Submitted by Nicole Lee

On September 17, we celebrated the 15th annual Nottingham Family Day! The event featured pony rides, a dunk tank, old time games, a treasure hunt, a silent auction, and booths holding raffles, distributing information, and selling awesome products. We would like to thank everyone who made it out that day and enjoyed the beautiful weather with us.

None of this would have been possible without the help of our volunteers or support from our sponsors.

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Supporters: Nottingham Community Church, Jack and Andrea Jackson

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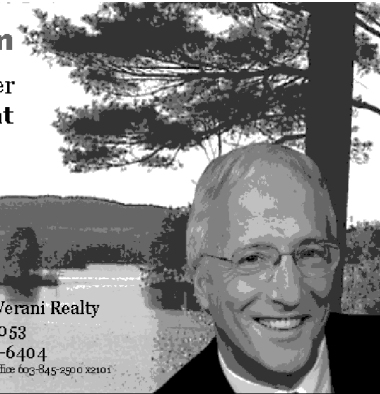
We already can’t wait to get planning for next year. We are always looking for new ideas and for volunteers who want to help make this day special. Please email or give us a call if you are interested in helping us out with the planning process.

“The Pie’s the Limit” Fundraiser: Order homemade pies for your Thanksgiving Holiday. Let us do all the baking and you take all the credit! Proceeds go to benefit the sixth grade Mt. Washington trip and Nottingham Recreation. Contact Lori Kilbreth at loriragusa@hotmail.com or Sue Veilleux-Parent at veilleuxsue@hotmail.com with any questions or to volunteer to help. No baking experience needed.

Drama Camp DVDs are finished and are in the office ready for pick up!

Holiday Craft Fair 2016: Our annual Holiday Craft Fair will be held on November 19 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The craft fair will be located at Nottingham School.

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Vendors will be there showing off their crafts from beautiful jewelry to ornaments to home décor, and much, much more! There will be raffle drawings from an array of crafters and donors. All proceeds go to the Playground Maintenance Fund for the playground at the Community Center. If you’re interested in participating as a vendor or as a volunteer call the office for more information.

Senior Luncheon: Senior Luncheons are held once a month at the Community Center. If you are not on our senior mailing list and you would like to be added, let us know. The list is used for Town and School business only and will not be sold or distributed

Days at the Rec: We are hosting two Days at the Rec on November 7 and 8. Registration will be up online as soon as flyers are sent home with the kids from school. Make sure to register fast; spaces are limited!

Toddler Gym: Every Monday (except federal holidays), we host an open gym for toddlers ages birth to 6 in the Community Center from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon. The cost is \$2 per child, and new members are welcome! The schedule follows the Nottingham School calendar so check with the Recreation Department to see if Toddler Gym is offered during vacation weeks. Registration is available online.

Line Dancing: Classes are on Monday nights at 6 p.m. for beginners and 7 p.m. for intermediates. Classes are \$7 (drop in) or two-hour classes are \$8 (drop in). Classes are held at the Old Town Hall.

Martial Arts: Interested in learning Martial Arts? Join Brendan Behr on Monday and Wednesday nights in the Community Center Gym. Classes start at 5:30 p.m. for the beginner class with the intermediate class starting afterward (ages five through adults). Contact the Recreation Office or Brendan for more information: brendan.behr@gmail.com.

Ready Rides: Ready Rides is a volunteer driver and rider program that is specifically designed to help residents in rural towns get to their medical appointments. This service is available to Nottingham residents who are 55 or older or for those who are disabled. Call 603-244-8719 to become a rider. Ready Rides is in need of two Board Members from Nottingham. Please consider volunteering your time to this needed organization. Meetings are once a month in Northwood. Ready Rides also needs additional drivers. If you are interested call 603-244-8719 to register.

2016’s Final Chapters at the Library

Submitted by Eric Stern

What a busy and fun fall we have had at the library! As we proceed onwards towards winter we have more fun new programs in store for library patrons, as well as some exciting developments in the works.

Adult Programs: Professor Jean Zipke, formerly a writing professor at URI and UNH-M, has agreed to offer another session of “Writing a Personal History.” This workshop of six “classes” will offer you the opportunity to write and share your own personal history. Writing a Personal History is a six-session workshop that will be held at the library on Wednesdays in November and December (starting 11/16) from 3-4:30 p.m. It is limited to six registrants, who will be able to participate in all six sessions. This is free and open to the public, but you must register in advance to attend – so contact us at the library if interested. If you have already participated in a workshop at the library with Prof. Zipke, please allow others the opportunity to sign-up.

We also have one additional exciting Humanities-to-Go program this season – History buffs take note! On the evening of Tuesday, November 29 at 7 p.m., at the Old Town Hall across the street from the library we are hosting historian, Allen Koop for the program, “Stark Decency: New Hampshire’s World War II German Prisoner of War Camp.” During World War II, 300 German prisoners of war were held at Camp Stark near the village of Stark in New Hampshire’s North Country. This program reveals the history of this camp, which tells us much about our country’s war experience and about our state. This program is free and open to the public, and is made possible by a grant from the New Hampshire Humanities Council.

Children’s and Teen Programs: This fall has seen an evolution of the children’s room with the engagement of multiple staff members in new positions making up our “children’s team.” It has been rewarding to see parents and children respond to a number of the new initiatives that have been put in place since the conclusion of summer reading.

Session 2 of children’s story hour resumes on November 8 and concludes the week of December 22. While many of the story hour sessions have been filled, if you are interested in registering a child for one of the times, please don’t hesitate to contact us. Nottingham children from ages birth to six are welcome to participate in story hour, but space is limited, and pre-registration is required.


A new monthly, recurring program: Cinderella Around the World! In America we know Cinderella as... Cinderella! But did you know that elsewhere in the world she goes by many different names, and that the tales of her can be quite different? In our “Cinderella Around the World” program, which starts on Wednesday November 16 from 3-4 p.m., we are going to be reading various stories about Cinderella, introducing new cultures, and talking about them. We will play some fun games and make crafts. The last scheduled meeting – likely to be in January – will feature a royal ball, and if you wish, you can dress up for it! This program is open to children in grades K-3, and pre-registration is required. Please contact the library today to sign-up.

Book Bingo will be held on Wednesday, December 7 from 3-4 p.m. and is open to children of all ages. Join us for popcorn, and prizes (oh my!). Also for children in November and December: drop-in holiday crafts on Tuesday, November 22 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 20 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. No registration is needed for either of these activities.

For teens we have ongoing book discussion groups and activities held on alternating Thursday evenings from 7 – 8 p.m. These informal book discussion groups are an opportunity to talk about the books we’re reading. Occasionally we’ll choose specific books that everyone will read, and then we’ll meet to discuss.

Friends of the Library Book Sale: The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be hosting the second of their 2016 book sales on Friday, November 4 and Saturday, November 5. The Friday portion of the sale is presently scheduled to run from 6-7 p.m. at the Blaisdell Memorial Library, and is for Nottingham residents only. The Saturday sale is open to all, and runs from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

For details on any library events, new materials added to the collection, museum passes, or just about anything related to the library, visit us on Facebook or at our website, nottinghamlibrary.org.



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